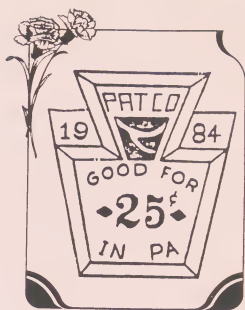


# PATCO journal



## Pennsylvania Area Token Collectors Organization

May-June 1990

Volume 7-Issue 1

### In this issue:

LOVE TOKENS by Bernie Herrmann, Jr.

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P.A.T.C.O. PERSONALS by Jim Hartman



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By Jim Hartman

A couple months ago, Rich Bottles and I ordered some plastic personal tokens with the PATCO logo as a reverse. We gave them away at the swap in March and so much interest was generated from the tokens that four other collectors ordered them.

There are a few considerations to keep in mind if you are also interested in having some of these tokens made. These 29mm tokens are manufactured through group orders and each person must order a minimum of 250 tokens.

Since there is also a minimum of 50 tokens per color, each collector participating in an overall order can choose at least one color and imprint color in his token order. The number of different colors available will ultimately be determined by the total number of people who order tokens.

Almost any color, or imprint color, is available, but the wording of the obverse design should be kept to a minimum to prevent overcrowding of the design.

The cost for 250 tokens is \$41, which does not include postage. If anyone is interested, wants more information, or samples of my tokens, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Jim Hartman, P.O. Box 1702, Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

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### EDITOR'S NOTE:

This issue marks the beginning of a new Volume, which means that the 1989 membership year expired with the previous issue in March. Members not paid up for this new year will no longer be receiving the journal and will be dropped from the mailing list, according to our humble treasurer.

-- Also of interest is that Bryan Ryker became the 200th person to join PATCO since the club's inception in 1984. Ryker is presently working on a research project involving encased coins manufactured by EARL FANKHAUSER.

He'd like fellow club members to send him any information on Fankhauser or lists of their Fankhauser pieces. He'll also send you a free list if you write to: Bryan Ryker, 7 Shady Lane, Farmington, Conn. 06032. --



## LOVE TOKENS

7-4



Love Tokens are coins that have been sanded or filed flat on one side of the coin, sometimes both sides. Then they were engraved with initials, names, sayings, poems, quotations, special dates, and things that were to be remembered. Some had beautiful designs and flowers around the initials, they were masterful works of art.

Love tokens were first discovered as early as 1790. The practice of making love tokens survived through the 1800's and into the 20th Century.

They would show up in peoples personal family papers, secret hiding places, personal hairlooms, vaults and at house sales.

Love Tokens were also made into lapel pins, cuff links, tie stick pins; some were drilled to be used as necklaces or bracelets. Occasionally, some had several coins linked together and used as watch fobs. Whatever came to mind is what was created.

Lots of Love Tokens were made by prisoners in jails around the country, just like the Hobo Nickels. The prisoners would be very bored sitting in jail thinking about their loved ones, so they made love tokens for them. Sometimes the prisoners wouldn't have files so they would rub the coins on the floor and on the walls of their cells to make them smooth. These tokens were then given to their loved ones on visiting day or sent to them.

During depressed times, some people made Love Tokens from pocket change because it was all they had. After engraving, the tokens became a gift that was not too expensive.

The most popular coins used were the Liberty Seated dimes and Liberty Seated half dimes. The second most popular coin was the Liberty Seated quarter, because the quarter looked more impressive to their loved ones.

The reason for using silver coins was that they were softer to engrave and to work with. Other coins were too hard, but all coins were used for Love Tokens.

Love Tokens became popular in European countries and with soldiers serving overseas who would send them home. In England, the most popular coin used was the silver sixpence. When people carried them in their pockets or purse, they would bend them to keep from spending them. This is why Love Tokens in England were called "Benders".

Another tradition was to break a coin in half when announcing an engagement. The couple would each receive half of the engraved coin; to be joined together on their wedding day.

Love Tokens were very popular on Valentine's Day and were called "Valentines in the Round".

After the Civil War, Love Tokens became a "fad" at state and county fairs and local carnivals. Calligraphers set up stands and engraved messages, initials and pictures on any coin for a fee. "You name it, we engrave it" was the slogan. Some came with pre-engraved coins with intricate designs. They would engrave names and initials on them upon request.

Toward the close of the 19th Century the Love Tokens became so widespread that the United States Mint had to resume production of dimes to meet the demand.

In 1909 an unsympathetic government stepped in and a law was passed making it a criminal offense to "mutilate" coins of the U.S. The law is still on the books, but it is now interpreted differently — one may not deface a coin with the intent "to defraud".

As the years went on, Love Tokens started to decrease in popularity, and that is why you don't see them as much anymore.

From 1970 to 1973 a retired jeweler-artist from Colorado Springs, Colorado, by the name of Donald E. Knapp was the leader in a movement to revive Love Tokens. He took modern coins to make them. As fast as they started up, that's how fast they faded away — again.

The sad part about the story of Love Tokens is that some very rare, low-mintage coins were destroyed, and the numismatic value was lost forever.

This information has been compiled through numerous hours of research over the past 30 years.

Bernie Hermann, Jr.



## PATCO SWAP & MEETING

7-7

**Saturday, June 2, 1990 --- Noon to 5 p.m.**

Meeting and swap will be held at the Consolidated Coal Co. building, which is located at the intersection of Route 19 South (Washington Road) and Fort Coach Road, approximately 15 minutes south of Pittsburgh. For more information, call Roger Hershey at (412) 795-6388.

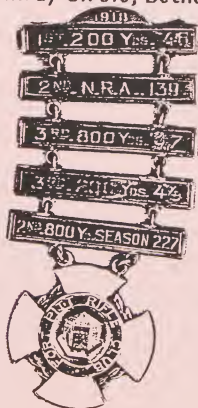
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## MYSTERY MILITARY MEDALS

Randy Judd brought some unusual military medals to March's swap meet in the hope that another collector might be able to shed some light on the organizations that issued them. One is from the Fort Pitt Rifle Club, while the other features an anchor design flanked by a letter "B" on each side.

If you have any information on the pieces, write to: Randy Judd,  
3121 Aniray Circle, Bethel Park, PA 15102





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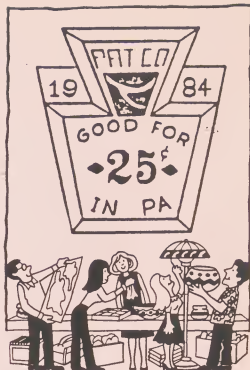
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# PATCO journal



## Pennsylvania Area Token Collectors Organization

July-August 1990

Volume 7-Issue 2

### In this issue:

PATCO Membership Roster  
and

PATCO Application to pass along to friends  
and

More Mystery Exonumia as pictured below:



(Larry Dziubek wants to know if anyone is familiar with the  
above token, which is suspected to be from the Pittsburgh area.)

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## Pennsylvania Area Token Collectors Organization

September-October 1990

Volume 7-Issue 3

### In this issue:

PROJECT PATCO - Penna. Token Research  
and  
Corrections & Additions to PATCO Roster



(Photo enlarged to show manufacturer's name)

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# PROJECT PATCO

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It was suggested at a recent PATCO swap that the journal be used to help collectors form lists of their favorite exonomia. Lists of these collectibles could then be printed in the journal if enough response is generated.

Complete descriptions can be sent to the editor, who will then send copies to the respective researchers. Photo-copies or clear rubbings, along with written descriptions, are requested.

The original idea came from Larry Dziubek, who is interested in creating a list of pre-World War II western Pennsylvania toll bridge, incline and other transit tickets. A couple of these tickets are pictured below.

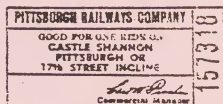
In addition to the tickets, other areas of exonomia which are being researched are as follows:

**FANKHAUSER ENCASED CENTS** - Bryan Ryker is cataloging encased cents produced by Earl Fankhauser of Fort Wayne. Two round 32mm pieces known from Allegheny County include: BOB PORTER JR. of Tarentum (1964 cent) and DON'S ANTIQUE SHOP of Pittsburgh (1960).

**RIECK-McJUNKIN DAIRY TOKENS** - We're hoping to fill out the missing route (or school) numbers on the obverse of these tokens. Numbers already accounted for are: 1, 2, 6, 9, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 28, 29, 31, 32.

**COLLEY NOVELTY TOKENS** -- The reverse of these tokens each have a letter in the center, which may represent specific arcades or machines. The letters already known to exist include: A, C, D, E, F, G, H, J.

**DAHLBERG RADIO TOKENS** -- Since these were used inside specific hospitals, unlisted pieces do pop up every once and awhile. Pennsylvania hospitals known to have used these tokens include: Altoona Hospital, Altoona; Mercy Hospital, Altoona; Brookville Hospital, Brookville; Coatesville Hospital, Coatsville; Maple Avenue Hospital, Du Bois; Erie Hospitals, Erie; Franklin Hospital, Franklin; Greenville Hospital, Greenville; Bashline and Grove City Hospital, Grove City; Harrisburg Hospital, Harrisburg; Harrisburg Polyclinic, Harrisburg; J. C. Blair Hospital, Huntingdon; Lock Haven Hospital, Lock Haven; City Hospital, Meadville; Spencer Hospital, Meadville; Mercer Cottage Hospital, Mercer; Oil City Hospital, Oil City; Adrian Hospital, Punxsutawney; Sharon General Hospital, Sharon; Miners Hospital, Spangler; Sunbury Community Hospital, Sunbury; Williamsport Hospital, Williamsport; York Hospital, York.



# Project

## Examples:

Obv: RADIO TOKEN /  
*Dahlberg* / (star)  
 Rev: FRANKLIN HOSPITAL /  
 FRANKLIN, / PENNSYLVANIA  
 (Rd., 17mm, Zinc, Holed)



Obv: COLLEY NOVELTY CO. /  
 (eagle with shield) /  
 ALLEGHENY, PA.  
 Rev: GOOD FOR NOTHING /  
 (rosette) G (rosette) /  
 BUT ONE TUNE  
 (Rd., 20mm, Brass, Sd.)



Obv: RIECK-McJUNKIN /  
 23 (in circle) /  
 DAIRY CO.  
 Rev: PUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICE /  
 GOOD / FOR / 1/2 PT. / MILK  
 (Rd., 24mm, Alum., Sd.)



# PATCO SWAP & MEETING

7-25

**Saturday, Oct. 6, 1990 --- 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

Meeting and swap will be held at downtown Pittsburgh's David L. Lawrence Convention Center in conjunction with the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists. A sign should be posted in the PAN Convention area that will indicate the room number for the swap.

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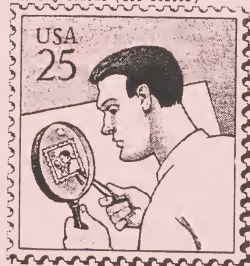
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Chicago, ILL 60602  
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tokens, & transportation

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Fairfield, OH 45014  
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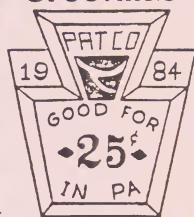
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Holiday  
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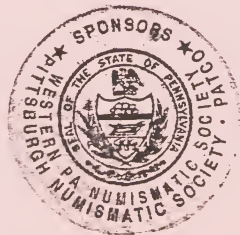
November-December 1990

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### In this issue:

*Allegheny County Encased Cent Update  
and*

*PAN Convention Freebies (shown below)*



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## Club News:

Considering the early-morning hour, the club's last swap had a better than average turnout. The swap, which did not include a business meeting, was held in conjunction with the Oct. 6 Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN) convention at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh. A total of 21 PATCO members remembered to sign in. It is believed everyone went away with something, especially since the PAN show was giving away wooden "nickels" and elongated cents (see cover).

The PAN show cents were being rolled by The Elongated Collectors (TEC) club president Ray Dillard, who was also responsible for last year's Pittsburgh American Numismatic Association (ANA) Convention elongateds.

The turnout at the PATCO swap, which was held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., caused one member to jokingly observe that this was the first time there were more members than tables.

PATCO president Jim Kriss reported, "That was one of the best turnouts, I think, we ever had."

In related news, PATCO secretary Rodger Hershey, who hosted Dillard at his home in exchange for having his photo printed in the October TEC News, won the People's Choice Award for his "Athletes in Action -- 100 Medallion Portrayals" exhibit at the PAN show.

A similar exhibit also won Hershey a plaque as the People's Choice at the 1990 ANA Convention, which was held in Seattle, Washington.

His exhibit won against approximately 40 other exhibits at the national convention, while there were about a dozen numismatic exhibits entered in the PAN show.

Hershey's award-winning exhibit included 100 pieces, which ranged in size from 25mm to 71mm, being composed of gold, silver, white metal, copper, bronze and aluminum.

The display included medals, ribboned badges, plaquettes and fobs that were either awarded to athletes or commemorated specific sporting events. The pictorials covered everything from Aerial Acrobatics to Yachting (aren't there any names of sports that begin with the letter "Z"?).

Hershey said the collection has taken about 12 years to compile, but he is still seeking medals depicting the sports of shuffleboard, gliding, steer-roping, scuba diving, arm wrestling, kyaking, snorkling, and jai akai (whatever that is).

Since both People's Choice Awards were chosen by the public, who filled out forms stating their favorite exhibit, it is refreshing to see that a PATCO member is doing his part to attract the public's interest in exonomia.

Chances are that a number of coin collectors left the ANA and PAN exhibit areas considering the challenge of collecting exonomia, such as Hershey's sports medals, (especially if they had just finished looking through endless boxes of Lincoln cents, OR actually tried to sell any of their coins on the recession-depressed market).



## Encased Coin Update

7-31

Cataloger Richard A. Gaetano has submitted this list of additions to the "Numismatic Survey of Allegheny County -- Special Groups - Encased Items" book, which was published by the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society.

The list includes encased coins that were reported by collectors after the book was published in 1987. The collectors who submitted the new listings are mentioned in the far right column.

The abbreviations in the Shape column stand for: HS = Horseshoe; R = Round; O = Oval; M = Mirror; LL = Large Letters; PL = Plastic.

Note that not all of these new listings represent unlisted merchants. Many of the new numbers represent lettering, or wording, varieties of the original pieces listed in the first edition of the WPNS book. A few of the unlisted varieties can be found depicted in the Sept.-Oct. 1987 (Vol. IV; Issue III) PATCO Journal.

For more information on the book, or to submit further new listings, write to: Richard A. Gaetano, 5332 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Shape</i>	<i>Coin date</i>	<i>Submittor</i>
002A	Adlers/Duquesne	HS	1960-D	J. Hartman
008A	Auerbach Furniture	HS	1947	Dick Gaetano
009A	Ed Baranowski/S R	R	1945	J. Hartman
009B	Balters-Jaisons	HS	1947	E. Spitzkopf
010A	Bauman Chevrolet	R	1948-D	D. Gaetano
013A	Wm. H. Brandt S	HS	1949	D. Gaetano
017A	Brinker Supply	HS	1947-D	D. Gaetano
017B	Brinker Supply/	HS	1953-D	D. Gaetano
018A	Canyasayamerton	R	1953-D	D. Gaetano
019A	V. Carlson/Jewel	R/M	1910	J. Kriss
022A	Circus Bar/Swiss	HS	1948	D. Gaetano
027A	Corseello Sales/	HS	1952-D	R. Bottles
043A	John Aves & Co.	R	1940?	J. Veeck
059A	H.L. Green (McKee)	HS	1959	A. Cirucci

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Encased update continued...

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Shape</u>	<u>Coin date</u>	<u>Submitter</u>
062A	Hall Electric Co.	R/LL	1946?	D. Gaetano
067A	Heeren Bros. & Co.	R	1901	R. Bottles
068A	Himmer Motors/C	HS	1946	J. Kriss
069A	J. Hirshberg/McK	HS	1928	R. Bottles
085A	Keystone Shoes/	R	1960-D	Rob Gaetano
089A	Kuban Music/Hom	HS/PL	1956	D. Gaetano
092A	Levinson Jeweler	HS	1928	D. Gaetano
110A	Millys/McKees R	HS	1947	D. Gaetano
112A	Moyer Auto Service	R	1946	D. Gaetano
114A	Daniel McCaffery	HS	1910	R. Crosby
116A	McCullough-Whit	R	?	J. Kriss
119A	Numismatic News	R(red)	1943	D. Gaetano
126A	Palmer Pontiac/	HS	1950-D	C. Sutton
148A	Rebekahs and O	HS	1934	J. Hartman
153A	Satisfaction System	O/M	1910	D. Gaetano
154A	David Scharf/Be	HS	1947	J. Kriss
162A	William Sirlin	R	1946	R. Bottles
162B	Sirlin & Leonard	R	1959-D	D. Gaetano
166A	Sirlin & Leonard	R	1966	R. Bottles
166B	Sirlin & Leonard	R	1963-D	D. Gaetano
169A	South Hills Coin	R	1989-D	D. Gaetano
196A	West Elizabeth	HS	1946	J. Hartman
196B	West Liberty Cab	HS/PL	1956-D	D. Gaetano
196C	West Elizabeth	HS	1948	D. Gaetano
199A	Wing Ding KDKA	HS	1963	A. Cirucci
201A	Zeigler Lumber/	HS/PL	1949	J. Kriss

*Although he hasn't officially given it a catalog number yet, Gaetano has also reported that the encased cent to the right has recently surfaced in the Pittsburgh area. It will probably be listed as 49A.*





# PATCO journal



## Pennsylvania Area Token Collectors Organization

January-February 1991

Volume 7-Issue 5

### In this issue:

*Matching Love Tokens by Bernie Herrmann Jr.  
and  
PATCO Personals Listing*



IMPORTANT ELECTION NOTICE: Nominations for club officers were opened at the Jan. 19 swap in Pittsburgh. Names presently on the ballot include Rodger Hershey for President, Richard Gaetano for Vice President, and Jim Hartman for Secretary-Treasurer. If you wish to nominate a clubmember for any of these three positions, please send a letter to the editor during the month of February.

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## Matching Love Tokens

by Bernie Herrmann, Jr.

In the never ending search for love tokens, you'd think you would never find two identical love tokens alike. But this is not true.

In my wildest dreams, I never thought something like this could happen. But then to have it happen twice is totally amazing!

In the past 30 years of collecting and research, I have discovered two sets of alike love tokens. The coins were purchased at different times, and one was a birthday gift.

Of the Liberty Seated dimes I have purchased, one had the initials "H.F.Z." on it. Then about three years later, I received a coin for a birthday gift that also had the initials "H.F.Z." on it. The only thing was, this one had the initials "H.F.Z." enameled in blue. Both love tokens were 1891 Liberty Seated dimes.

I then borrowed a high-powered medical microscope from Dr. Todd Wahrenberger, who is my stepson. After studying them over and over under the microscope, I discovered -- to my surprise -- they were indeed engraved by the same person, and identical. This was unbelievable, because I now had a matched pair (except for the one that was enameled blue)!

Then I discovered another strange incident with Canadian Love Tokens. Two coins that were purchased six years apart had the same identical style and artwork on them.

The artwork was very, very fine and outstanding -- also very unique and intricate. This happened to be the best artwork I have ever seen on a love token in my life.

The artwork on both coins was identical. One love token was a Canadian half dollar, extremely fine, with the initials "M.J.S." on it. The other love token was a Canadian quarter dollar, also extremely fine, with the name "Will" on it.

These two Canadian love tokens were also studied under a high-powered microscope. They were both engraved by the same person, and with the same fine artwork, which was identical. A matched pair in artwork!

Over the years, I have also found four sets of love tokens that were cuff links. Two sets of Liberty dimes and two sets of Liberty Seated half dimes. Each set matched.

This shoots down the theory that collectors and dealers tell you: There are no two alike love tokens. It does happen.

Just keep looking and studying your tokens. Hopefully, someday you too will come up with a find like I did!

# Plastic PATCO Personals

Last year a handful of PATCO members joined the bandwagon of having their own personal storecards minted, utilizing the PATCO logo on the reverse. Member Jim Hartman took the orders for the round, plastic 29mm tokens.

Although many PATCO members have had personals made over the years, it seems like a good idea to at least keep track of those which exhibit the club's logo. Below is a description of these tokens, including the mintage figures, listed according to membership numbers.

001-A Obv: PENNSYLVANIA TOKENS WANTED / JIM / KRISS / 209  
EDWARD / AVE. / PITTSBURGH, PA 15216

(red letters on white token; 50 minted)

001-B Obv: (Same as above)

(red on yellow; 50)

001-C Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on red; 50)

001-D Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on black; 100)



002-A Obv: W. PA. TOKENS & MEDALS WANTED / RICHARD /  
GAETANO / 5332 HOLIDAY / DR. / PGH., PA 15236

(red on white; 50)

002-B Obv: (Same as above)

(red on yellow; 50)

002-C Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on red; 50)

002-D Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on black; 100)



006-A Obv: COLLECTOR OF TOKENS & MEDALS / RICHARD /  
CROSBY / Pittsburgh, PA / 412-281-1488

(red on white; 50)

006-B Obv: (Same as above)

(red on yellow; 50)

006-C Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on red; 50)

006-D Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on black; 100)



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008-A Obv: WESTERN PENNA TOKENS WANTED / JIM / HARTMAN /  
P.O. BOX 1702 / BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010

(red on white; 50)

008-B Obv: (Same as above)

(blue on yellow; 50)

008-C Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on orange; 50)

008-D Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on black; 100)



093-A Obv: TOKEN COLLECTOR / CHARLES / McKEE / PO BOX 9 /  
FENELTON, PA 16034

(red on white; 50)

093-B Obv: (Same as above)

(red on yellow; 50)

093-C Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on red; 50)

093-D Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on black; 100)



103-A Obv: RICH BOTTLES JR., P.O. BOX 492, / COLLECTOR / OF  
PITTSBURGH / AREA TOKENS / HARMONY, PA 16037

(red on white; 50)

103-B Obv: (Same as above)

(blue on yellow; 50)

103-C Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on orange; 50)

103-D Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on black; 100)



135-A Obv: DAHLBERG RADIO TOKENS WANTED / JIM / HEMPHILL /  
P.O. BOX 1321 / LAKE OSWEGO, OR 97035

(gold on purple; 50)

135-B Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on green; 50)

135-C Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on blue; 50)

135-D Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on red; 50)

135-E Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on black; 50)



**Personals Cont. . .**

- 135-F Obv: JIM HEMPHILL / COLLECTS / ENCASED COINS / PO  
BOX / 1321 / LAKE OSWEGO, OR 97035

(gold on purple; 50)

- 135-G Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on green; 50)

- 135-H Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on blue; 50)

- 135-I Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on red; 50)

- 135-J Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on black; 50)



- 135-K Obv: JIM HEMPHILL / COLLECTS / NEBRASKA / OREGON /  
HAWAII / LAKE OSWEGO, OR 97035

(gold on purple; 50)

- 135-L Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on green; 50)

- 135-M Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on blue; 50)

- 135-N Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on red; 50)

- 135-O Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on black; 50)



- 135-P Obv: TOKEN COLLECTOR / JIM / HEMPHILL / P.O. BOX  
1321 / LAKE OSWEGO, OR 97035

(gold on purple; 50)

- 135-Q Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on green; 50)

- 135-R Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on blue; 50)

- 135-S Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on red; 50)

- 135-T Obv: (Same as above)

(gold on black; 50)



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# Dues Due

This new AT&T WP7700 Word Processor may come up short in some features that the old MacIntosh computer allowed me, but it can produce larger headlines (which can come in handy when announcing important messages like the one above).

Yes, it's that time of year again. The next issue will mark a new volume and a new membership year, so all you members (except our one lifetime member) are asked to send in your dues.

The dues are \$5 for a Regular (adult) membership, \$3 for an Associate (no journal), \$3 for a Junior (under 18), or \$100 for a Lifetime.

A check *made out to PATCO* can be sent to:  
Secretary-Treasurer R.E. Hershey, 175 Crescent Hills Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

## Ballots Due Too

It is also time to send in your ballots to elect club officers for the new year. If all goes according to plan, there should be an official ballot enclosed with this journal. Because there is a three-way race for vice-president, all members are encouraged to become involved and vote in this election.

Ballots can be sent to: Secretary-Treasurer R.E. Hershey, 175 Crescent Hills Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

## PATCO SWAP & MEETING

### Saturday, April 20, 1991

A meeting and swap will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Malanos Building, 3025 Washington Road (Route 19).

To get there: Go to the intersection of Fort Couch Road and Route 19-Washington Rd., which is beside South Hills Village Mall and the Consolidated Coal Co. (where previous swaps have been held).

Continue south on Route 19 toward Washington approximately four miles. On your left, you will first pass Sun Chevrolet, then Ali Baba's Brass & Copper Restaurant (which is adjacent to the Malanos Building). Park in the rear and use the back door. For more information, call Rodger Hershey at (412) 795-6388.

## Forged Love Tokens

by Rich Bottles Jr.

If Bernie Herrmann's article in the last PATCO Journal ("Matching Love Tokens" of Vol. 7-Issue 5) didn't convince you of the possibility of identical love tokens, then let me give you a local example of how such an incident could occur.

During a trip to Wendell August Forge in Grove City, Pa., last year, I noticed a display of love tokens. The tokens were advertised as "hand engraved silver dollar(s)...encased in a sterling silver diamond cut bezel."

Wendell also describes its love tokens as "A quiet statement of affection... Started over a century ago, the tradition of love tokens is back. Give the gift of a lifetime and start a family tradition. Years ago, people had U.S. coins engraved with their loved one's name."

The tokens were only available on Morgan silver dollars, but could be ordered with any name engraved on them. The prices ranged from about \$70-\$80, depending on the number of letters in the name.

The finished ones that I observed basically had the same ornamental design, including floral, sunset and bird illustrations (see cover photo).

Thus it isn't hard to realize that if a specific Wendell engraver received orders for two love tokens containing the same name, the two tokens would probably look identical.

Starting out as an industrial aluminum-casting operation in 1923, Wendell August Forge later expanded its business to include metal giftware items such as plates, trays, plaques and Christmas ornaments. It also sells enameled coins.

Wendell August Forge is reportedly one of the last forges in the U.S. that still forges aluminum, pewter, bronze and sterling items.

Although the Wendell showroom and crystal gallery do not open until 11 a.m. on Sunday, the business hours on other days of the week are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It is located at 620 Madison Ave., Grove City. Directional signs are located off Exit 3-A of Interstate 80, and off Exit 31 of Interstate 79.

If you know of any modern love token manufacturers, especially in Pennsylvania, or any exonymia-related sites of interest, try writing an article for your PATCO Journal.

# Pittsburgh's Big Land Show

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by Rich Bottles Jr.

It was officially called the National Land & Irrigation Exposition, but was better known as "Pittsburgh's Big Land Show."

The exposition was held at the Duquesne Garden facility in Pittsburgh from Oct. 17-20 of 1910.

At the time, many people may have questioned why the biggest indoor agricultural exposition ever planned in the East was slated to be held in a city which was already an industrial giant and still growing.

But the location seemed to be almost a symbolic statement to farmers: There's plenty of space in the U.S., so make room for progress. After all, Pittsburgh Promotes Progress, right?

Some early promotional literature for the show also didn't beat around the bush (or crop), stating, "The encroachments of manufacturing, mining and oil producing upon the farm lands of the states have led many of the farmers hereabouts to give thought to new locations... At the Land Show, they will learn of the land offerings of the whole country.

"The mission of the Land Show is to point out where the farm or garden products in which (the farmers) are most interested can be raised to the best advantage. Overwhelming proof will be presented to the effect that failure is impossible to the farmer who judiciously discriminates in choosing his location, or makes sure to establish himself where conditions and seasons are suitable for the product he wishes to raise."

In other words, get ready to pack your bags and seed sacks because publicity director Sydney Wire says the expo is going to show you that "somewhere in this great country there is just that particular climate and quality of soil which would make your crop turn into money fast enough to make you wealthy."

And exactly what "overwhelming proof" was presented to the farmers? Well, the exhibits included a 93-pound pumpkin grown in Colorado; nine-foot high stalks of wheat grown at an altitude of 6,600 feet in Wyoming; and 13-foot high stalks of corn that can reportedly be grown during three different seasons in Nebraska without special fertilizers or even water being applied to the soil!

Yes, it seemed that miracles were possible if only the farmers would leave western Pennsylvania.

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## Big Land Show...

Promises even permeated the atmosphere of the "Garden" as the fragrance of fruit from so-called "bountiful orchards filled the air", and electric lights hidden behind a screen across the ceiling gave "the appearance of a clear sky at night with hundreds of twinkling stars."

Over 20,000 people paid 25¢ each on opening day to form what was later described, by the local press, as "one of the largest audiences ever assembled in Pittsburgh."

The overall theme of the show must have also been successful, because Pittsburgh apparently saw no further need to host similar shows.

And before leaving the show to rush home and put their properties up for sale, the farmers were able to purchase souvenirs of the expo -- and of the city that they were going to leave behind.

One of the most well-known of these souvenirs was an elongated cent, which was rolled with the inscription: PITTSBURGH'S BIG LAND SHOW / LUCKY / (horseshoe surrounding swastika) / CENT / DUQUESNE / GARDEN / OCT. 17 - 29 / 1910. (Note the apparent error in the date concerning the closing day).

The piece is cataloged as number PENpit#2 in "Yesterday's Elongateds" by Lee Martin and Dottie Dow.

Even if these "lucky cents" didn't bring the farmers any luck, the coins would at least give them a valuable lesson in stretching their pennies when they did go in search of 13-foot high corn stalks in the dry lands of Nebraska.



References for this article were obtained from the Pittsburgh Gazette Times and the Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph, which helped sponsor the expo, and from the official publicity pamphlet entitled National Land & Irrigation Exposition (published by Keystone Printing Co., Pittsburgh).